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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 13, 2007, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-10 and 12 as drawn to a method of detecting or monitoring the onset of an advanced neoplasm in a mammal comprising screening for the level of inhibin protein in a biological sample, class 435, subclass 4. Applicants also provisionally elect prostate as the species for continued prosecution.

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